



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

Markku KOULU et al.)

Serial No. 09/645,590)

Filed: August 25, 2000)

For: A METHOD FOR REDUCING ...)
IN AN INDIVIDUAL)

Examiner: S. McGarry

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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 6, 2002
OFFICE ACTIONAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

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This Communication is submitted in response to an August 6, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due September 6, 2002. Therefore, this Communication is being timely filed.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the subject application. In the August 6, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following allegedly distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 3 and 8-13, drawn to a method of decreasing NPY gene expression in an individual, classified in class 514, subclass 44.
- II. Claims 4 and 14, drawn to a method for decreasing NPY overproduction via an NPY receptor antagonist, classified in class 514, subclass 1.